

## Grand Jury Sends For Witnesses to Be Heard Monday

### Foreman Almirall Confers With Representative of In- dictment Bureau; Gaston B. Means To Be Examined

Hope that the extraordinary grand jury might conclude its work to-morrow, make a public report and reveal the "overshadowing crime" it has spent several weeks investigating was dispelled yesterday when it was found that another list of witnesses has been summoned.

Because papers vital to the investigation to-morrow will have to do with the operation of the District Attorney's office it is expected that Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith will be excluded from the jury room.

The witnesses called for to-morrow, it was learned, include Misses Theresa and Hattie Grant, nieces of David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, and Gaston B. Means, who has conducted a two years' investigation of the office of the District Attorney. Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooling, who prosecuted Means on a charge of murdering Mrs. Maude King, with the result that Means was acquitted, was the special subject of investigation by Means.

The nieces of Commissioner Hirschfeld will be examined concerning a trip upstate, in which the Commissioner is said to have used a city automobile. Mr. Hirschfeld, in two statements issued since he was summoned before the jurors, said the trip was solely on business and that the city funds did not pay for it. Yesterday he denounced the insistence of the jurors that his nieces be examined. They failed to respond to subpoenas issued early last week.

It was said yesterday the jury still has numerous witnesses to be heard this week. One more week may be consumed in the questioning of city employees concerning facts revealed through study of official papers subpoenaed by the jurors.

The conference of Raymond F. Almirall, foreman of the grand jury, with a representative of the indictment bureau indicated that indictments might be returned to-morrow. While the summoning of witnesses indicated that this probably will not be done, a supplemental report, with true bills against men in any case that may have been closed by the jurors, would not surprise those familiar with the work of the body.

### Jersey Waterway Indorsed

#### City Club Approves Favorable Report of Committee

The City Club announced yesterday it had approved a resolution adopted by its port committee indorsing the projected Federal waterway across New Jersey. The committee stated the indorsement was given "with the understanding that the waterway is to be part of the intracoastal waterway system and that it is intended by the Federal government to improve the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, already taken over by the government,

and to deepen the East River and Hell Gate."

The committee also urged that these projects be pushed as rapidly as possible, particularly the deepening of the East River and the removal of the obstructions at Hell Gate.

The report of the committee was made following the request of the New York-New Jersey Port Development Commission and the Commissioner of Docks for an expression of opinion on the projected waterway to link the Delaware River with Raritan Bay.

### Arrests Four Looting Shop

For ten minutes Patrolman Langfretz watched four young men carrying goods from a Clifton (Staten Island) haberdashery early yesterday. Then he drew his revolver, cornered the young men and marched them to a police station, after which he returned to the scene of the robbery and recovered all the stolen goods from a vacant lot opposite the shop. The men, who gave the names of Giuseppe Martini, Pasquale Gelsaio, Nicholas Ambrosio and Ernest Diosa, all of Brooklyn, were held for hearing Monday.

### Gas Explosion Wrecks Passaic R. R. Station

#### Concussion Knocks Down Po- liceman on Street; No One Injured in Building

PASSAIC, N. J., Nov. 15.—The Lackawanna Railroad's new station here was blown up this morning by a tremendous gas explosion. The damage is estimated at from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Only recently the railroad eliminated a grade crossing here at the cost of \$200,000, and in reconstructing the pipes it had disturbed by its excavation ran a gas main through the cellar of the new station. This apparently sprang a leak last night.

At 3 a. m. there was a terrific blast that tore the building apart. Blocks of stone and fragments of concrete were scattered over a radius of 100 feet. Patrolman Joseph Prosko, who was approaching the station, was knocked down, cut and bruised. No one else was hurt.



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